

Principal's Report

Year 10/11 Exams got underway this week which means as of next week students will begin their step-up orientation program into 2018 Year 12 subjects. Our transition program is running for every year level across the school at different times from now until the end of the year and is a crucial time for students to mentally and practically prepare for what 2018 will involve. I thank the teachers for the time they are committing to preparing their materials early and parents and students for supporting the program.

Our Hands on Learning crew have done an amazing job finishing off the tennis-hitting wall at the local courts. This program is a great opportunity for students in Year 7-9 to spend a day forming relationships with Steve Greenwood and Rhiannon McKinnon, as they contribute positively to the school and broader community.



Thank you to all parents, carers and students who came along to the information sessions on Monday. There is genuine excitement from staff, students and parents now about the increased flexibility in options for our Year 8-9 program. We also appreciated the feedback on how to improve communication

between the school and the community. Initiatives we will be implementing include SMS text messaging for absences and other important information, sending home key messages/dates bulletin each week in hard copy, reducing the frequency of newsletters and making them more mobile friendly. Some of these changes may take some time for us to get right but we will be working on developing these solutions straight away. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you are ever unsure of any information or would like further clarification on any concerns you have.

Today is Heath Schulz's last day at Warracknabeal Secondary College as he departs for Canada tomorrow with his family. I would like to thank Heath for his infectious passion for students and dedication to putting their needs first as he supported them to get the most out of their education. I wish him all the best as he spends more time with his family next year.

Michael Briggs-Miller
Principal

Assistant Principal - Whitney Munroe

We are excited to invite the Year 6 students into our school community next year and are looking forward to building relationships and supporting students through their educational journeys.

Below is information about the Year 6 to 7 transition over the next few weeks.

20th November, Half-Day Transition

On Monday afternoon, Year 6 students will be visiting the school and meeting with our Year 9 Buddies. The students will participate in a scavenger hunt, get-to-know-you activities, and will visit some classrooms. Students should bring lunch with them to the secondary school and we will all eat together.

27th November, Information Evening, 6:30-7:30pm, Hall Foyer

On the evening of the 27th, we will have our Year 6 to 7 Transition Information Evening. All parents, families and students are invited! Information covered will include the following:

- School values and vision
- Subject information
- School uniform
- Funding/finance
- ICT technology requirements
- School policies and procedures

Please RSVP to the Information Evening by 24th November by calling our office at (03) 5398 1433.

4th December, Full-Day Transition

On Monday, 4th December, the Year 6 students will be visiting the secondary college for a full-day

transition experience. On this day, students will be participating in a normal school schedule and will experience what it is like to be a Year 7 student. Students should plan to arrive directly at the secondary school by 9am on the 4th and they will be leaving from the school at 3:20pm.

Assistant Principal

Whitney Munroe

Acting Assistant Principal - Heath Schulz

VCAA exams.

VCAA exams will conclude on the 21st of November. Congratulations to all students who have finished their exams and good luck to those that have one to go. In what can be an incredibly stressful time, our students have walked out of their exams feeling positive and knowing that they have done their very best.

Yr. 10/11 exams

Y10/11 Exams will conclude on Friday. It was pleasing to see that nearly all students brought the appropriate material to all exams. These exams are a fantastic learning experience where students get to simulate VCAA exams but also have the chance to evaluate their knowledge and skill in a formal exam environment.

We have a published author at WSC!



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I was delighted to speak to Samantha Brown-Bush yesterday to personally view the book she has written called 'The Guardians.' What an amazing personal achievement Sammie. We are so very proud of you. Here is a short overview of her book.

Nova is a young girl a year from graduating school and pursuing her photography career. She lives

her life happily alongside her long time friend, Adrian, whom she feels herself developing feelings for. But Adrian is disturbed by dreams of his dead mother living on in another world. Together, they find themselves caught in a mess of a new world of dreams and in a battle against the strongest and deadliest creature of their newfound world. Follow them along as they meet new friends like Ryda and Kikina, discover magical abilities, and take love to a whole new level.

Yr. 12 Jumpers 2018

This is a reminder to current Year 11 students to order and pay for their Year 12 jumpers online. The closing date is the end of November. If you don't order, you will miss out. Please follow the prompts posted on edmodo, or alternatively log onto the link below. <https://shop.reformclothing.com/join/uo0442>

Farewell.

Well the time has come to say farewell to WSC, as this is my very last day. As I mentioned last week, I will be taking long service leave for the remainder of the year and then returning to Horsham College for 2018 as Middle School Leading Teacher. I have been flattered with the warm farewells from staff, students and families. It was truly a difficult decision to make, but one that will allow me to be closer to my young family. Thank you again to everyone who has supported me in my time at WSC. I will miss you all!

Acting Assistant Principal

Heath Schulz

School Events

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Year 12 VCE Information Evening

A Year 12 VCE Information Evening will be held on Thursday November 23rd from 7:00 to 7:45 pm in the foyer of

the Assembly Hall at Warracknabeal Secondary College.

The focus of the evening will be aimed at supporting students and parents through the Yr. 12 VCE journey.

Information will include succeeding in the VCE managing stress, study scores and ATAR's.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Melissa Thompson

Yr.12 VCE Coordinator

SOSE

The Year 9 SOSE classes have been working hard this term to bring you another festival expo!

Students of Year 9 SOSE have been researching festivals around the world as part of our geography unit. On Friday the 24th of November, students will be holding a festival expo in the WSC Hall. You are invited to come along from 2pm-3pm to support our students and their efforts.

By introducing an economics twist to the unit, this year the winner of the 'best festival' will be determined by how much 'money' the festival earns. Guests will be given fake money to spend at each festival stall. The groups will be selling items at each festival stall. Items will be themed according to the festival.

YEAR 9 SOSE EXPO



Where's the party at?

WARRACKNABEAL SECONDARY COLLEGE HALL
2:00PM - 3:00PM FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

The festivals at this year's expo are:

- Bastille Day
- The Day of the Dead
- La Tomatina
- Fashion Week
- Million Paws Walk
- Tomorrow Land
- Oktoberfest
- The Running of the Bulls
- The Oscars

We hope to see you there!

Natalie Gordon
9B SOSE Teacher.

Food Tech

Students enjoying some of the Christmas festive spirit making ginger bread houses. The houses took two weeks to prepare and decorate.

Pictured designs by Stuart Murray, Cody Gebert, Imogen Holland and Will Martin.



Year 7/8 Super 8s Cricket

On Thursday, a group of year seven and eight students made their way to Horsham College to compete in the Year 7/8 Super 8s Cricket. The girls played three matches with slightly modified rules, for example, hitting the ball past the bowler's end stumps is worth double runs, taking a wicket is five runs added to your team, and when you are dismissed, you just swap ends with your batting partner. The girls took on Stawell Secondary College in the first game, and showed some positive signs, but were outclassed by the opposition, 124 runs to just 68 runs. The second game saw us come up against Rainbow P-12 College, and although we played some good shots during the innings, we bowled plenty of wides, which meant an extra two runs added to the opposition's total, and we lost that contest 152 runs to 113 runs. Our final match was against the hosts, Horsham College, which was probably our best performance for the day. We batted first against them and made a positive total of 97 runs but HC were the better team on the day, finishing on 127 runs. Alyssa Zanker took some fantastic catches, while Molly Fagan and Bella Powell played some strong shots accumulating plenty of runs. Rhiana Keys sent down the bowl of the day against Rainbow, an absolute Jaffa that was! Although we didn't get any wins for the day, the girls had an enjoyable day, topped off with a trip to the usual destination, McDonalds, followed by some time spent at May Park. The girls were reluctant to leave May Park due to how early in the day it was, but they got back in time for Period 6, how lucky for them! Big thank you to Miss Zhou for volunteering to drive the bus to Horsham, two trips in one day for her!



And that does it for school sport at WSC for 2017! Thank you to all participants for their efforts this

year and also to all the staff that have driven the buses to these events and also all the student helpers for the assistance on the days. All the best for sport in 2018!

Will Richardson
Sports Assistant

Careers Report

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Careers Report

Work Experience

Time is running out!! It's great to see some Year 10 & 11 students getting their placements sorted for work experience coming up in the next two weeks. We have students placed at Bellevue Trading, Beulah Primary School, Loud Signs, Kobe Echuca, CBA Bank, Warracknabeal Pharmacy, Emmett's, Warracknabeal Primary School, Vets, Quick Farms, Presh Beauty, Warracknabeal SDS, Jonassons Kitchen Solutions, Horsham Real Estate and Your Regional Butchers. Please see Mrs Stewart ASAP to arrange your work experience.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION YEAR 4-11 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW OPEN

These school scholarships are for students who are studying in Victoria (Australia) and who are citizens or permanent residents of Australia.

Only students who are currently enrolled in a registered Victorian school are eligible to apply.

The Department of Education and Training administers more than 25 different student scholarships, which equates to approximately 250 scholarship awards (as some scholarships have more than the one award).

For scholarships that the Department administers, a student must apply for a scholarship at the same year level that they are studying in 2017, eg. A student in Year 8 in 2017 would apply for a Year 8 scholarship.

Scholarships for students at relevant 2017 year levels will be granted and paid in 2018.

The scholarships are offered to primary, secondary and tertiary students and range in value from \$300 to \$2580. They are generally awarded to students who:

- demonstrate academic achievement
- demonstrate participation in their school and local community
- are in financial need (determined by the parents/guardians being in receipt of a Health Care Card, a Low Income Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card (Centrelink reference number required) or the students themselves receiving the Youth Allowance).

However, there are scholarships that are not based on the above criteria, especially scholarships connected to the Police Force and the Rail, Tram and Bus Union, Locomotive Division.

Please look up <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/> for further information and how to register and apply.

Job Opportunities

Werrigar Roadhouse – Hospitality

The Werrigar are looking for casual staff members to work in the kitchen or console area (front counter). If you would like some work over the Dec/Jan holiday period (with the option of being on their casual roster after holidays) please email your resume to amy@wilkens.com.au

Creekside Hotel – Hospitality

The Creekside are looking for waiters/waitresses to work casual shifts. Hours are flexible and award wages are paid including penalties. If you are interested, fill out an application form at the Creekside.

Country Essentials clothing store – retail sales assistants

Country Essentials are looking for two part-time after school students to work in their retail clothing shop. Hours are from 3:30/3:45pm until 5:45pm and on Saturday mornings (will be every second Saturday if two staff are found). Duties include customer service, stock control and balancing of the register at the end of the day. Training will be included. Please drop a resume into Kirrilee Rowe at the shop.

Schiers Cabinet Makers (Murtoa) are looking for an apprentice cabinet maker. Please see Mrs Stewart for further information.

Skillinvest Vacancies – Apprenticeships/Traineeships

Certificate III in Business – Horsham based Accountancy firm

Certificate III in Business – Wimmera Business Centre/Wimmera Development Association

Certificate 3 Civil Construction Apprenticeship – St Arnaud

Civil Construction Apprenticeship – Stawell

Parks & Gardens Apprenticeship - St Arnaud

Certificate III in Sports Turf Management (Greens Keeper) Apprenticeship - Horsham

Please look at the Skillinvest Website for further information www.skillinvest.com.au/jobs

Neighbourhood House Warracknabeal are running the following courses:

Provide First Aid

Monday November 20th 2017

Time: 9am-4pm

Cost: \$175 or \$80 for CPR refresher

Full first aid has a work sheet that needs to be picked up on payment and completed before the day of the class.

Food Safety Handler

Friday November 24th 2017

Time: 10am-1pm

Cost: \$110

Work book to be picked up on payment and completed before the class.

RSA

Friday November 24th 2017

Time: 5.30pm-9.30pm

Cost: \$110

To register contact Rachel Thomson at Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre Inc.
2 Cox Street,

Warracknabeal, Vic. 3393
Ph. 03 5396 1360
rachel@wnhlc.com.au
<http://www.wnhlc.com.au>

Nicole Stewart

Careers/VET Co-ordinator
Structured Workplace Learning

[Community Events](#)

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Community Events



YOUTH SOCIAL GROUP

Every second Thursday, open to 12-25 year olds. Contact
Wimmera Pride Project or headspace Horsham for more

 Facebook: @wimmeraprideproject
Email: info@wimmerapride.com.au
Ph: 0476 821 439

 **headspace**
Mental Health Support

 **Wimmera**
COMMUNITY HEALTH



**Community members are invited to a free sausage
sizzle to acknowledge**

White Ribbon Day

**At the Warracknabeal Community Garden on Thursday
November from 12 – 1pm**

**Ray Campling (CEO, Shire) and Jo Martin (Acting CEO of RN
speak briefly on how their organisations are supporting the
Ribbon Campaign at this event.**

In support of

Australia's campaign to stop
men's violence against women

 **White Ribbon**
Australia

[Secondhand Books](#)

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Second Hand Textbooks & Novel information for 2018

Booklists are due in to the Newsagency by Wednesday 29th November 2017.

Orders for Textbooks & Novels are a firm sale and are non-refundable.

It is suggested that families arrange second hand sales and purchases prior to this date.

The following textbooks and novels may be re-sold for 2018 subjects, if you have any queries please ask your subject teachers or see Mrs Winsall in the Library.

Current Year 10's may re-sell the following books:



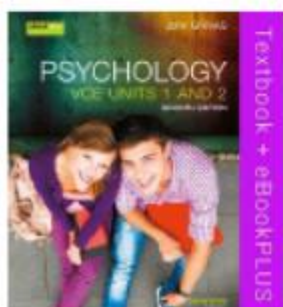
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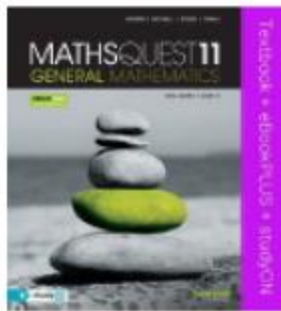


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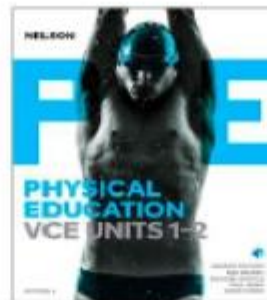
English Novel

Of Mice and Men - Steinbeck

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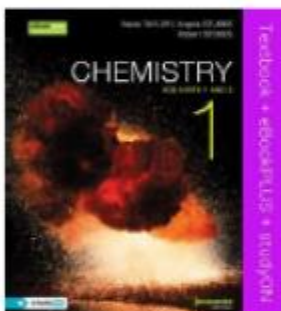
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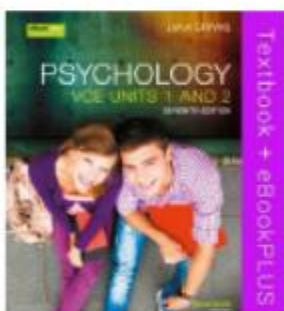
Nelson Physical Education
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eBooksPLUS ISBN
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Chemistry 1 VCE Units
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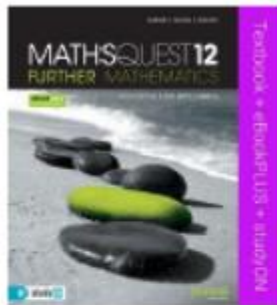


Heinemann Physics 11
Student Book (includes
Pearson eBook 3.0) 4e
ISBN 9781488611261

English Novels

Night – Elie Wiesel
No Fear Shakespeare - Macbeth
The Complete Maus – Art Spiegelman

Current Year 12's may re-sell the following books:



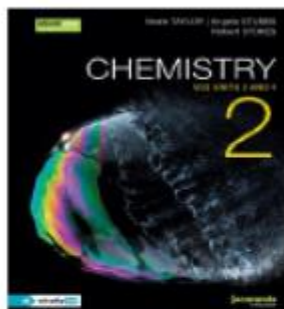
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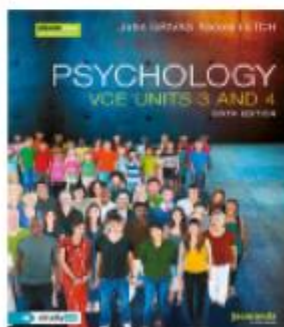
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Chemistry 2 VCE Units
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ISBN 9780730329107



Psychology VCE Units
3&4 6th Ed
EBook +StudyOn
ISBN 978073028407



Heinemann Physics 12 St
Book + Pearson EBook 3.
(4e)
ISBN 9781488611278

English Novels:-

1984 – George Orwell

Stasiland – Anna Funder

The "Warracknabeal Secondary College Secondhand Book Group" on Facebook page is a great way to buy and sell books.

WSC is not responsible for or involved in sales/purchases. the page is for families to use regarding secondhand books